

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-316-C - ORDER NO. 2005-426
AUGUST 16, 2005

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications,)	ORDER GRANTING
Inc. to Establish Generic Docket to Consider)	ADMISSION PRO HAC
Amendments to Interconnection Agreements)	VICE
Resulting from Changes of Law.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Patrick W. Turner, Esquire, for Admission of Meredith E. Mays to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice*. Mr. Turner petitions for Meredith E. Mays to appear before the Commission as counsel for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) in the hearing for Docket No. 2004-316-C regarding amendments to interconnection agreements resulting from changes of law. A hearing in this matter is presently scheduled for October 17, 2005.

Mr. Mays serves as in-house counsel for BellSouth's office located at 675 West Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, and is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, according to the certificate attached to the application. Local counsel of record associated with Mr. Mays is Patrick W. Turner of BellSouth located at 1600 Williams Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Additionally, Mr. Mays has included an affirmation that he will comply with the applicable statutes, law and rules of the State of South Carolina, that he is familiar with and will comply with the South Carolina Rules of

Professional Conduct, and that he will submit to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* application has been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court and that the necessary affirmation has been made. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filing and that the filing fee has been paid. We believe that Mr. Mays meets the qualifications for admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing in Docket No. 2004-316-C *pro hac vice* and that he should be so admitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Meredith E. Mays, Esquire is a member in good standing of the bar of the State of Georgia, and through Motion of local counsel, Meredith E. Mays has moved for his *pro hac vice* admission to practice before the Commission at the hearing on Docket No. 2004-316-C scheduled for October 17, 2005.

3. Proper application has been filed, the filing fee has been paid, and the necessary affirmation has been made, as required by SCACR 404.

4. Mr. Mays has associated South Carolina counsel.

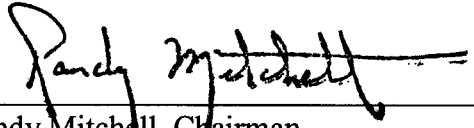
5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in this proceeding should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Patrick W. Turner, esquire, for *pro hac vice* admission of Meredith E. Mays to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina at the hearing on Docket No. 2004-316-C to be held October 17, 2005, is granted.


This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)